Damages to paddy crops in the Mavelikara taluk.

32. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN. (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Dewan and the Executive Engineer, Quilon, have received memorials dated 11-12-1108 from one Govindan Velayudhan Thankal, for the purpose of preventing recurring damages to paddy crops in certain fields in Vathikulam *muri*, Thekkakkara *pakuthi*, Mavelikara, by constructing culverts in the place of certain small pipes on the Punnamoodu-Pallikal road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on the same?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Division officer, Quilon, inspected the site and has called for estimates for constructing a causeway in place of one of the culverts, and for a culvert of a larger vent-way in place of the other.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are the Government aware that the work is of a very urgent nature?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Government are not aware that it is very urgent.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the member ascertained the extent of paddy fields, the crops of which will be damaged if the work is delayed.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether it will be ascertained and the work taken up without delay?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): That will be considered.

Admission of Muslims to the Vaccination Class.

33. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Muslim applicants were admitted into the Vaccination Class on the last occasion;

(*b*) how many applications from Muslims have been received for admission to the Vaccination Class from 1-1-1108; and

(*c*) how many have been admitted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) One in 1106.

(*b*) 9.

(*c*) 2.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether any Vaccination Class was opened this year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether Muslim applicants from among those applicants who applied for admission to the Vaccination Class and who have passed the examination are still unprovided for?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice. I have no information.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know who is responsible for making the selection ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Till last year it was the Sanitary Commissioner, but after the amalgamation of the Sanitary Department with the Public Health Department, the Deputy Director of Public Health is probably responsible for the selection.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether Government have given any directions to the Public Health Department ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No special directions have been given.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether Government will give directions to the selecting authorities so that all communities may get a chance of admission ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is more or less the policy of Government and the selecting authorities know it. Therefore no special instructions are necessary.

Muslim graduate teachers in the Education Department.

34. ***MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a single Muslim graduate teacher in the Education Department ; and

(*b*) (i) the number of Muslim graduates who have applied for appointments as teachers in the Education Department during the last ten years ;

(ii) the number appointed ; and

(iii) if no appointment is made, the reason therefor ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes ; two.

(*b*) (i), (ii), & (iii). Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by collecting the information for ten years. It is reported that, since 1930, nine applications were received from Muslim graduates for appointment as teachers, and that none of these nine applicants was appointed for want of suitable vacancies and also because of the seniority list.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : In regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know from the member whether, of the two hands that are now in the Education Department, one has been sent back from the college as a supernumerary ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : He was in the college. Owing to retrenchment he was sent back.

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